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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Michael T. McTigue Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned Examiner: Donald M. Lair Filing Date: 4/5/02 **Group Art Unit:** 2858 Title: Apparatus And Method For Canceling DC Error And Noise Generated By Ground Shield Current In A Probe **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS** PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Sir: Please amend the above-identified application as follows: Page 1, line 1, insert the following new paragraph: (X) This is a Continuation of copending application Serial No. 10/117,653, filed on 4/5/02 , the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. () This is a Divisional of copending application Serial No. , filed on , the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In the Claims: Cancel the following claims 1 of the prior application. (At least one original claim must be retained for filing purposes). "Express Mail" label no. ER461390291US Respectfully submitted, Michael T. McTigue **Date of Deposit** I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Gerald P. Joyce III PO Commissioner for Patents, 1450, Box Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s) 22313-1450. Alexandria, VA 4/15/2004 Date: Typed Name: Eleanor Pennisi Telephone No.: (978) 681-2405